

Stephen Berrisford
Planning law and policy consultant
Concise CV

Areas of expertise	Sectoral experience	Country exposure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualified lawyer & urban planner • Law & policy reform • Strategic advice and planning • Project management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban & rural land reform • Planning law & policy • Urban renewal • Sustainable forest management • Water resource management • Biodiversity planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Africa • Ethiopia • Kenya • Lesotho • Mozambique • Namibia • Senegal • Tunisia • Zambia

Professional experience (detailed work experience in annexure)

- Since March 2000, Stephen Berrisford Consulting, based in Johannesburg, South Africa
- From 1996 to 2000, Director: Land Development Facilitation at the Department of Land Affairs, government of South Africa
- From 1993-1995, urban planner with Cape Town and Johannesburg city councils, on part-time secondment to the Office of the President, government of South Africa

Qualifications

- MPhil (Land Economy) by research (thesis topic: Property rights & urban planning in South Africa), University of Cambridge, UK (1996)
- M.City & Regional Planning, University of Cape Town, South Africa (1992)
- BA LLB, University of Cape Town, South Africa (1990)
- Registered Town & Regional Planner with the SA Council for Town & Regional Planners

Publications and networks

Berrisford, S 1998 'Law and Urban Change in the New South Africa' in *Illegal Cities: Law and Urban Change in Developing Countries*, edited by Fernandes, E and Varley, A (London: Zed Books).

Berrisford, S 1997 'Implementation of the Development Facilitation Act', *South African Planning Journal* 42 June 1997.

Berrisford & Fernandes (in press) *South-South: Urban law in Brazil and South Africa*, Ashgate, London

Member of the International Research Group on Law and Urban Space (IRGLUS). Papers at international conferences in South Africa, Mozambique, Spain, Mexico, Brazil and the UK. Regular guest lecturer and examiner at the Universities of the Witwatersrand, Pretoria and Cape Town.

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Detailed work experience: Annexure to Stephen Berrisford's CV

Consulting projects

Project	Client	Date
Development of an Urban Development Policy and Strategy Paper for the African Development Bank (policy consultant)	African Development Bank, Tunis, via Hifab International, Stockholm	October – December 2005
Supplementation & implementation of new EIA Regulations in Gauteng (team leader)	Gauteng Province Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Environment, Johannesburg	October 2005 – March 2006
Design of the National Upgrading Support Programme for South Africa (policy consultant)	Department of Housing, Pretoria, via Cities Alliance, Washington, DC	August – December 2005
Review of Ethiopian draft urban planning law (legal consultant)	GTZ-Ethiopia, Addis Ababa	September – December 2005
Investigation of the possibility of implementing Regulatory Impact Assessment in South Africa (legal and policy consultant)	Office of the President and National Treasury, Pretoria, via the Small Business Project, Johannesburg	March – September 2005
Identification of requirements for integrated land reform and housing projects in South Africa (legal & policy consultant)	World Bank, Pretoria	March- June 2005
Ministerial advisor on urban land to SA government delegation at AU/UN-Habitat African Ministers Conference on Housing & Urban Development	Minister of Housing, government of South Africa	February – March 2005
Strategic advisor to drafting team of KZN Development bill (legal & policy consultant)	Department of Traditional & Local Government Affairs, KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government, South Africa	January – May 2005
Development of a legal framework for land use management in Mbombela Municipality (legal & planning consultant)	Mbombela (Nelspruit) Municipality and Mpumalanga Provincial Government, South Africa	October 2003 – January 2006
Study into rationalisation and modernisation of the planning regulatory environment to eliminate constraints to land and infrastructure development (policy consultant)	National Treasury, Pretoria, South Africa	August 2004 – February 2005
Study into evictions in informal settlements of Nairobi, Kenya (participant in international NGO team)	Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions, Geneva, Switzerland	July 2004
Ministerial review of the appeals against the decision to authorise the N2 Toll Road between Durban and East London (member expert panel)	Minister for Environment Affairs & Tourism, Pretoria, South Africa	May – August 2004
Review of the KwaZulu-Natal Draft Planning & Development Law (chair of expert review panel)	KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government, Department of Traditional & Local Government Affairs, South Africa	March – May 2004
Study of Urban Land & Housing Laws in Southern Africa (Lesotho, Mozambique,	UN-Habitat, Nairobi, Kenya	February – June 2004

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Namibia and Zambia) (project co-coordinator, with Ashira Consulting)		
Upgrading Land Management in Informal Settlements in Nairobi, Kenya (legal consultant)	Swedesurvey, Sweden, funded by SIDA	January 2004 - ongoing
Developing prototype Regional State land management regulations in Ethiopia & implementation framework (legal consultant)	Ministry for Federal Affairs, Ethiopia, funded by the World Bank	November 2003 – ongoing
Policy review, institutional capacity assessment and provincial analyses for National Biodiversity & Action Plan (lead consultant & team leader)	Department of Environmental Affairs & Tourism, South Africa	September 2003 – February 2004
Designing a Business Plan for the Inner City of Johannesburg, in association with IOD-SA	Johannesburg Development Agency	August – November 2003
Facilitating strategic link between Cities of Johannesburg & Addis Ababa (facilitator and strategic advisor)	Cities Alliance, Washington DC/Nairobi	July-October 2003
Identification of strategic options for implementation of the SA Government's urban regeneration tax credit (policy consultant)	SA Cities Network, South Africa	May-June 2003
Identification of principles on which to base new planning legislation for the province of KwaZulu-Natal (legal & planning advisor)	KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Planning & Development Commission, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa	May-June 2003
Ministerial advisor on EIA appeals (Cosmo City & Gautrain) (legal & planning advisor)	MEC (provincial minister) for Environment Affairs, Gauteng province, South Africa	April 2003 – May 2004
Finalising urban land management regulations for Addis Ababa (legal consultant)	Addis Ababa city government, funded by GTZ-Ethiopia	March-April 2003
Policy advisor on federal urban land legislation (legal & policy consultant)	Ministry for Federal Affairs, government of Ethiopia, funded by World Bank	February-March 2003
Strengthening the capacity of the National Botanical Institute to implement bioregional planning (legal & policy consultant)	National Botanical Institute, Pretoria, South Africa	February – April 2003
Ministerial expert adviser on development planning and economic development for the national Urban Renewal Programme (planning consultant and team leader)	Minister for Provincial & Local Government, Pretoria, South Africa	November 2002
Rationalization and alignment of proposed environmental planning legislation (legal & planning consultant)	Department of Environment Affairs & Tourism, Pretoria, South Africa	June-December 2002
Streamlining procedures for afforestation permits (legal consultant)	Department of Water Affairs & Forestry, Pretoria, with Fractal Forests, Durban	July-December 2002
Operational strategy for Gauteng government's land function (legal & policy consultant)	Gauteng Department of Development Planning & Local Government, with IUCN-SA	July-September 2002
Land management regulations for Addis Ababa (legal consultant & drafter)	GTZ, Addis Ababa, with Institute for Housing Studies & Urban Development,	April–October 2002

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	Netherlands	
Integrating legislation governing environmental management and land use planning (legal consultant)	Department of Environment Affairs & Tourism, Pretoria	February-December 2002
Master Plan for Dinokeng region in North East Gauteng province (planning & legal consultant and team leader)	Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Conservation, Environment & Land Affairs, Johannesburg, with IUCN-SA, Pretoria, and IOD-SA, Jo'burg	March-December 2001
Development of brief & terms of reference for campus strategic spatial plan (planning consultant)	University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg	September-December 2001
Establishment of Principles, Criteria & Standards for Sustainable Forest Management (legal & policy consultant)	Department of Water Affairs & Forestry, Pretoria, with Institute for Natural Resources, Pietermaritzburg	May 2001-March 2002
Identification of implementation strategies for Metropolitan Open Space System (legal consultant)	Durban Metro Council, Durban, with Palmer Development Group, Johannesburg	February-July 2001
White Paper on Land-use & Spatial Planning (principal drafter)	Ministry for Agriculture & Land Affairs, Pretoria	May 2000-March 2001
Legislative review for Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site (legal consultant)	Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Conservation, Environment & Land Affairs, Johannesburg	April 2001
Establishment of Key Performance Indicators for local government (legal consultant)	Department of Provincial & Local Government, Pretoria, with Palmer Development Group, Johannesburg	December 2000-July 2001
Appraisal of land reform, gender & environment project proposal (lead consultant)	Danish Cooperation for Environment & Development (DANCED), Pretoria, with CDR Consulting, Copenhagen	December 2000
Integration of environmental planning into land reform process in South Africa (legal & policy consultant)	Danish Cooperation for Environment & Development (DANCED), Pretoria, with Scanagri, Copenhagen	September 2000-April 2001
Integration of land-use management instruments and integrated development plans (legal & planning consultant)	GTZ, Pretoria	May-August 2000
Clarification of constitutional aspects of municipal planning function (legal consultant)	Cape Metro Council, Cape Town	July 2000
Model contracts for service agreements between water services authorities & providers (legal & policy consultant)	Department of Water Affairs & Forestry, Pretoria, with Palmer Development Group, Johannesburg	August-October 2000
Institutional options for water & sanitation services in Durban & Pietermaritzburg (legal & policy consultant)	Umgeni Water Board, Pietermaritzburg, with Palmer Development Group, Johannesburg	May-September 2000

Employment history

Position	Duties	Date
Director: Land Development Facilitation, Department of Land Affairs, Pretoria	<p>Implementation of the Development Facilitation Act: the first post-apartheid planning and land development legislation. Including the establishment of provincial planning tribunals and the guidance & funding of municipal plans.</p> <p>Establishment and management of the national Development & Planning Commission.</p> <p>Advising the Minister on planning and land development related matters.</p> <p>Managing DANCED project on environment & land reform.</p> <p>Administration of the Town and Regional Planners' Act.</p>	1996-2000
Principal Planner, Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council	<p>Policy and legal frameworks for the release of land for low income housing and the integration of the land use control systems of Johannesburg and Soweto.</p>	1995
Planning professional, Cape Town City Council	<p>Regulatory frameworks for planning & development of city railways land.</p> <p>Participation in high-level policy development in support of the 1994 political transition.</p> <p>Development control.</p> <p>Author of discussion documents on planning appeals & growth management.</p>	1993-1995
Advisor on planning & development legislation, Office of the President	<p>Part-time secondment from Cape Town & Johannesburg councils.</p>	1994-1995